

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 12th, 2010

3rd Sunday of Advent

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude and Chimes

Greetings and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candles

The Johnson Family

Call to Worship (Luke 1:46b-47, the song of Mary)

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord

People: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•**Hymn 9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

•**Prayer of Confession** (An Ancient Christian Prayer)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Romans 9:14-16)

Leader: What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

People: So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God Who shows mercy.

•**Responding to God's Forgiveness - The Gloria Patri #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1

Anthem "Manger's Song"

Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: John 1:1-5

Sermon "Decreed"

Rev. Joel P. Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 5**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 31**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response**

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"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Postlude

WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.